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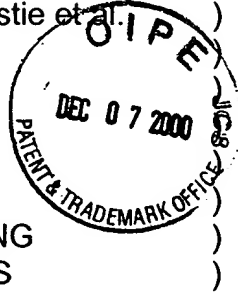
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please consider the remarks and amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add claim 3 as follows:

3. A method of processing calls in a communication network where a caller pays the communication network for some of the calls, the method comprising:

receiving a call in the communication network;

determining if the caller is required to pay for the call before [implementing

services for the call] connecting the call to a call destination;

if the caller is required to pay for the call, then validating the caller before [implementing services for the call] connecting the call to the call destination; and